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Serious Crisis Faces Labor On Work-Or-Jail Proposal

Senate-House Conference Group Packed In Favor Of Labor Draft

Washington, D. C.—The legislative situation in Congress on forced labor draft proposals has taken a critical and dangerous turn.

The House of Representatives, fol-

The legislation now rests with the conference committees appointed by the House and the Senate and the membership of these committees appears

During the next week, or two, the conference committees will try to work out a compromise between the dangerous May-Bailey Bill adopted by the House, and the more acceptable O'Mahoney-Kilgore Bill passed by the Senate.

Meany Demands Higher Wage Policy To Prevent Post-War Depression

After their first meeting, officers predicted eventual agreement on a bill for "limited" national service which will provide jail penalties for workers who refuse to take war jobs to which they are assigned.

has fought bitterly since the beginning of the year against any such compulsory legislation. Lined up against labor has been a powerful coalition of Administration forces, the War and Navy Departments and the old guard reactionaries in Congress.

extremely more difficult to defeat in conference report in either branch of Congress than a bill coming up for original consideration.

That is why legislative experts consider the present situation more dangerous to labor than at any time since the President first recommended labor draft legislation to Congress.

Even the fact that the armed forces

of the United Nations have been making such tremendous progress against Germany that collapse of the Nazis this summer is being freely predicted, it is not likely to halt adoption of some form of labor draft.

"In view of the findings in investigations by the Byrd Economy Committee and the Mead Committee in 1941, after the War Relocation Authority was established, the War Relocation Authority was authorized to investigate the utilization of labor by the War and Navy Departments and other agencies of the Government.

He reported the "beginnings of compromise."

There was discussion of a compromise plan proposed by Senator Austin, ranking minority Senate conferee. This plan, built upon the premise that acute manpower shortages are not general but exist only at some local levels

Invited more than a hundred union leaders to the conference which was designed to promote a campaign to make El Paso an industrial and tourist center in the Southwest. Indicative of the change of policy of businessmen

would call for a meeting of shortage at local points through a concentration by representatives of labor, employers, the Government and the WML management-labor committees on individual problems. Compulsion would

be applied in the placement of work
ers only after these representative
had agreed that all voluntary method
had failed.

STREET CAR UNION WINS :

STREET CAR UNION WINS LONG BALTIMORE FIGHT

Baltimore, Md.—By a vote of more than 2 to 1, Baltimore Transit Com-

pany employees chose as their collective bargaining representative the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, Division 1300, AFL, in secret-ballot election conducted by the

The election victory culminated

Company representatives said they would accept the decision of the workers, recognize the union and take part in collective bargaining in an effort to end the four-year fight by the AFL union to organize the city's transit workers against stiff employer opposition.

**UNION LABEL PRESENTS
EASTER RADIO SHOW**

Washington, D. C.—A special, pre-Easter radio show has been scheduled by the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor for

The program will be both entertaining and educational, with songs by a Negro quartet from

the Tobacco Workers Union and a dramatization of the constructive accomplishments of the union label. I. M. Ornhurn, Secretary-Treasurer of the department, will make a short talk.

